

# The Shiner Gazette.

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## ALL OVER TEXAS.

Yoskum is to have a street fair this fall.

Nacogdoches voted a special school tax.

Waskum is taking steps to build a city hall.

Milam county voted down a special road tax.

Charles Taylor was drowned at Gainesville.

The Brazos river continues to rise at Hempstead.

Belton has voted \$7000 worth of school bonds.

J. C. Burns died at Gainesville aged seventy-one years.

Labor Day, Sept. 7, is to be observed at San Angelo.

Laredo has quarantined against San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

A new species of worm is damaging cotton near Corlith.

The city of Brownwood has adopted a partial stock law.

Coal miners have gone on a strike at Alba for higher wages.

The State text book board expects to complete its labors August 15.

A prairie fire near Tahoka destroyed about forty square miles of grass.

An oil land suit at Sour Lake involves \$5,000,000 worth of property.

The Jones well has been brought in at Sour Lake and is a genuine gusher.

Admiral Dewey has been invited to attend the fall festival at Fort Worth.

Capt. Sidney Martin, a prominent citizen of that place, died at Fort Worth.

The assessment of Comal county is \$5,770,340, an increase of \$23,000 over last year.

Sim Daniel, colored, was given a two years' sentence for killing a white man at Tyler.

A. M. Harrison died from injuries received in a street car accident at Texarkana.

In an ice war at Plano ice was delivered at any part of the city at 20 cents a hundred.

E. J. Jenkins was given six months in the county jail for inciting a riot at Beaumont.

Well No. 9 in the Wirt Davis tract at Sour Lake has come in and is a genuine gusher.

The German Texas Singing Confederation celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at New Braunfels.

The attorney general is to bring suit against the Aetna Fire Insurance company of Dallas for forfeiture of charter.

A. J. Henderson, aged 69, a devotee of abstract sciences, died at Houston Thursday. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Parsons Brigade U. C. V., held its annual reunion at Cleburne, and made a most enjoyable event of the occasion.

The Langley air ship, in which the United States Government is interested, at Widewater, Md., is ready for its trial trip.

Johnnie, the 6-year-old son of Mike Solon of Weatherford was burned to death in his father's barn Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

At an election held Saturday to determine whether or not there should be issued \$15,000 in the schoolhouse bonds by Arlington Independent School district, the vote was 144 for the bonds and 18 against.

John McGuinle committed suicide at Vicksburg, Miss. He was 65 years old.

Minnie Friend was killed by a train at Chekiah, I. T. She was subject to epilepsy and it is supposed she fell on the track and was run over by a passing train.

J. T. McDonald, aged 62 years, of Paris, dropped dead in his room in his hotel at Eureka Springs while preparing his toilet. He was for many years connected with the First National bank of Paris.

The front axle of C. H. Miller's wagon gave way while he was delivering milk at Wabashville, precipitating him to the ground bruising him up seriously.

Confederate veterans in Erath and Comanche counties held the annual reunion at Dublin this week.

# FIRST IN CAMP.

BATTERY OF 17TH U. S. ARTILLERY REACHED AUSTIN.

## RIFLE RANGES ARE FINISHED.

Great Sham Battle Will Be Held on Monday, Aug. 24.—Routine of the Camp.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 17.—Camp Mabry was visited by a throng of people today in anticipation of the mobilization beginning tomorrow and completed Tuesday morning. Everything is in readiness, and the troops will find the camp better than ever.

The first organization to arrive came this morning, and it was the Seventeenth United States Battery of Field Artillery, which came overland from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, eighty-five miles from Austin. Capt. Hinds is commanding.

The field battery will be one of the features of the encampment, with its flying movements and harrowing evolutions.

It is expected that Gen. Grant will send several other regular organizations from San Antonio, namely one troop of cavalry, two companies of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, and the band of that regiment.

Gen. Grant, commanding the Department of Texas, will visit the camp, and his reception will be one befitting his high rank. He will arrive Wednesday and leave Friday.

Several staff officers arrived tonight and will report for duty in the morning. By tomorrow there will be quite a crowd of soldiers in town and several organizations will arrive in the afternoon and evening.

Col. Oscar Guessey is on the ground and reports that the rangers for rifle practice are finished. He predicts good scores at the targets.

It has been decided to hold the great sham battle on Monday, the 24th inst., and thousands of visitors are expected on that day.

Gen. Grant continues his kindness to the Texas National Guard, his latest favor being a voluntary loan of twenty-five muskets for officers' and twelve muskets for sergeants and other of the camp weapons.

The outline of work for the camp is about as follows:

First Day, Tuesday—Piercing of camp and preliminary instruction.

Second Day—Company drills, extended order. Battalion and regimental drills in close formation and battle exercise.

Third Day—Same as second day.

Fourth Day—Field exercises. One brigade will form on outpost for the protection of the camp. Another brigade will make a reconnaissance in force to locate the enemy. At night the same brigade that formed the outpost will go through the same formation after dark in order to receive additional instructions in posting sentries for night work.

Fifth Day—Same exercises repeated with brigades reversed.

Sixth Day—Sunday. Devotional exercises and rest.

Seventh Day—Sham battle. Contact of opposing forces. One brigade marching from Bull Creek to be intercepted by another brigade. Action to be fought in mountains north of the camp.

Eighth Day—Attack and defense of a convoy.

Ninth Day—Break camp.

Colorado's First Bale.

Weld, Texas, August 17.—The first bale of the new crop for Colorado county arrived here Saturday morning. It was grown by John Foyt near Shimek, glared here by Barton & Juncos, classed strict middling, weight 562 pounds net, bought by Jno. Baris, a merchant, at 12 1/2 cents, and shipped to Gust Hays & Co., Galveston. At this date last year Weld had shipped more than 1000 bales and by September 1 over 3000. Crop is fully thirty days late.

Curtailment by Cotton Mills.

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 17.—The curtailment in the cotton mills next week will involve \$40,000 spindles for the full week and about \$50,000 spindles for a part of the week. The plants that will be wholly idle embrace four-teen mills in all, and 5,000 operatives.

Fifty Acres of Tobacco.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Aug. 17.—Fifty acres will be planted in tobacco at Pitts Hill, near Garrison, next year; also a large number of smaller patches elsewhere.

# LABOR CLASH.

A Thousand Shots Fired and Several People Injured.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 17.—A clash of union and non-union men in which 1,000 shots were fired and several men were injured, took place early this morning between 300 striking machinists and 35 non-union men who had taken their places in the River-side plant of the United States Steel Corporation. The battle was begun Saturday night. The machinists have been on strike for several weeks. The corporation imported twenty men to take the places of the strikers. The men have been assaulted from time to time, but the situation has not reached an alarming stage heretofore.

The strikers congregated about the boarding houses of the non-unionists last night, fully armed and began an attack on the places. The houses were heavily barricaded and many volleys were fired into the structures.

Finally a well-directed shot from within the house wounded one of the strikers and he was carried to a hospital. Clay Hoover, a spectator, was shot in the left knee. A number of other people who were in the building received wounds. The rioting continued until 2 o'clock in the morning. The police were powerless to interfere. A fresh outbreak is feared at any time. At 10 o'clock last night the strikers who were lying in the hills fired on Peter Dilatch as he passed. He was seriously wounded. The strikers mistook him for a spy.

Carried to Jail in Irons.

Taylor, Texas, August 17.—Upon a warrant issued by the Williams county grand jury, S. R. Sheffield, a married man with a wife and one child, was arrested here last night by City Marshal Louis Lowe upon a charge of criminal assault alleged to have been committed several months ago upon the person of a young girl living near Liberty Hill in this county. Sheffield was carried last night in irons by Sheriff Sampson Connell to the Georgetown jail. His wife and child accompanied him. The accused has been the driver of a milk wagon in Taylor for the past four months.

Freight Through a Bridge.

Sherman, Tex., August 17.—Early soundings of the train on the trans-continent division of the Texas and Pacific were wrecked two and a half miles west of Sherman last evening. Ten cars of merchandise and two empty went through a thirty-foot bridge. The engine and two cars passed over safely, and the engine and four cars remained on the opposite side of the bridge. The cars were demolished, throwing merchandise for several hundred feet, and breaking telegraph lines down.

Sixty-four Indictments.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 17.—The grand jury Saturday returned sixty-four indictments against hotel keepers, saloonkeepers and grocerymen, all charged with operating steel machines for gambling purposes. The indictments are the result of a recent so-called reform crusade inaugurated here.

Eruption of Vesuvius.

Naples, August 17.—The eruption of Vesuvius somewhat increased today. The stream of lava flowing from the crater is divided into two branches. The longer reaches a distance of 2500 feet in the direction of the village of Ottajano, and the other is now 2300 feet toward Pompeii. There is no immediate danger.

Clarksville, Texas.—An interurban electric road between Clarksville and Mount Pleasant is assured.

Earthquake at Alton.

Alton, Ill., Aug. 17.—An earthquake shock was felt at 3:14 o'clock yesterday morning. Most of the residents were awakened. The shock shook a quantity of plastering loose in the Methodist Episcopal church. At East Alton bricks were shaken from several chimneys and glass was broken in several windows. The shock lasted nearly eight seconds.

Marlin, Texas.—L. E. Allen has been elected chairman of the Business League.

Cashier Arrested.

Rochbank, N. J., Aug. 17.—Snook L. Coward, cashier of the defunct Navesink National Bank, was arrested Saturday on the charge of embezzling \$49,000 of the bank's funds. The complaint was made by special Examiner W. A. Mason.

Kenedy's First Bale.

Kenedy, Texas, Aug. 17.—Kenedy received its first bale Saturday. J. M. Lynch sold it. C. R. Cook ginned it, and it sold for 12 1/2 cents. It was strict middling.

# BATSON PAID DEATH PENALTY.

Twice Convicted of the Murder of the Earle Family at Welsh, La.—Declared Innocence.

Lake Charles, La., Aug. 15.—Albert Edward Batson, the twice convicted murderer of the Earle family at Welsh, was hanged according to law at 1:42 yesterday afternoon. He was pronounced dead in twenty-two minutes and the remains were turned over to his mother, who will take them to Princeton, Mo., for interment.

Batson was apprised of the refusal of the governor to grant a reprieve before he retired the night before. He made no comment, but was sleepless, resting only from 2:30 to 5:45 a. m. During the morning he held a short conference with Rev. M. E. Weaver, afterward bidding his mother good-bye and receiving the newspaper men, to whom he reiterated his innocence and said that the real murderer would be found when the man who got the rest of the Earle stock was located. At noon he ate a hearty dinner, changed his clothes and was ready at 1:30 p. m., when the sheriff came to lead him to execution.

He submitted to the necessary pinning without a tremor, and said at the last, "Good-bye, Mr. Sheriff, and all my friends. You have been good to me and treated me well and I have no complaint to make."

Batson's Crime.

Lake Charles, La., Aug. 15.—A. E. Batson was hanged yesterday for the murder of six of the Earle family in February, 1902, near Welsh. The crime was not discovered until several days after it was committed, when Batson, a field hand of the Earles, appeared in Lake Charles with stock for sale, representing himself as Warren Earle. Liveryman Downs agreed on a price, but, being suspicious, telephoned to Welsh to learn if Ward was leaving the country. Miss Earle, with friends, went to her brother's home, and found the bodies of Mrs. Earle and four children shot and their throats cut. A mile away the body of old man Earle was found. Batson left Ward's watch and gun to be mended and boarded a train, going to his home at Seward, Mo., where his mother lives, and where he was arrested. He has always denied the crime, saying the witnesses were mistaken in their identification, and claiming the Earles were alive when he left the farm. There were two trials, the first conviction having been set aside by the supreme court. The board of pardons recommended his commutation, but Governor Heard disregarded the recommendation.

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Corbett Went Down and Out in the Tenth Round—One of Fitz's Famous Solar Plexus Blows Did It.

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Sold His Crop for 12c.

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